

Parts of Alapocas Run State Park to be closed and cordoned off for Sunday, Oct. 15 implosion of Bancroft Mills smokestack

Park's pedestrian bridge over Brandywine River to be closed Oct. 12-27

WILMINGTON – DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation announced today that the southern section of Alapocas Run State Park along the Brandywine River will be closed Sunday, Oct. 15 for the implosion of a smokestack at the former Bancroft Mills site.

Parks Natural Resources Police will have a cordon in place Sunday from 6:30 a.m. until noon keeping spectators and park visitors 1,000 feet away from the demolition site. The safety zone distance for the smokestack implosion includes trails in and around Alapocas Run State Park. Trail areas impacted are the Northern Delaware Greenway Trail access points in Brandywine Park on North Park Drive, in Alapocas Woods on Alapocas Drive, and at the Alapocas ball fields trailhead located behind the DuPont Experimental Station.

The pedestrian bridge over the Brandywine River in the vicinity of Bancroft Mills will be closed from Thursday, Oct. 12 through Friday, Oct. 27 for the demolition of a building adjacent to the bridge and debris removal. Commuters and park visitors will need to plan alternative routes until the bridge is reopened.

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